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SUBJECT: PRC DESIRE FOR CONTACTS WITH U.S. DIPLOMATS IN BERLIN

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1. ON AUGUST 18 PRC MILITARY ATTACHE WUH, ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER LIO, CALLED ON USICA OFFICER GERT AT RIAS. WUH, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM FOUR MONTHS IN HIS HOME PROVINCE, ENGAGED GERT IN A DISCUSSION OF CHAIRMAN HUA'S TRIP TO ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND IRAN. HE CLAIMED BULGARIAN LEADER ZHIVKOV WAS MAKING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST ROMANIA AT THE INSTIGATION OF MOSCOW, WHICH WAS ALSO BACKING THE ANTI-SHAH LEFTISTS IN IRAN. WUH DID NOT REACT TO QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE PRC REPRESENTATION IN WEST BERLIN (REFTEL).

2. WUH DID, HOWEVER, ASK GERT WHETHER HE COULD ARRANGE POLITICAL AND/OR MILITARY CONTACTS FOR HIM WITH OFFICERS OF THE U.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WEST BERLIN OR THE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. HE WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE IN "BROAD-RANGING POLITICAL TALKS" DURING SUCH CONTACTS.

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3. AS REFTTEL INDICATES, ONE MISSION OFFICER DID HAVE CONTACT WITH MR. POH, WHO IS APPARENTLY WUH'S DEPUTY. IN PAST, MEMBERS OF CHINESE EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAVE CULTIVATED CONTACTS WITH CERTAIN GERMAN OFFICIALS IN WEST BERLIN AS WELL AS WITH JAPANESE CONGEN OFFICERS AND SOME OTHER WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES. UNTIL RECENTLY, HOWEVER,

THEY HAVE AVOIDED CONTACT WITH U.S. OFFICIALS FOR UNSTATED REASONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO REACT TO WUH'S REQUEST. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO HEAR WHAT MR. WUH AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE TO SAY, AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO PUT SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO HIM IF THE DEPARTMENT SO DESIRES. NELSON

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